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Dear Tex:

Many thanks for the excellent reporting coming out of B.A. I appreciate it, as does everyone here. In the future, I hope to have time to write more frequently and to keep you better informed of activities here; my only excuse for not having done more is that it has been hectic with the visit, et al.

A couple of questions keep recurring, and I would greatly thank you for any estimate you could provide on them.

1) How many "political prisoners" are being held, and their detention acknowledged, by the GOA?

2) How many "disappeareds" have there been since the Junta came to power?

(On the above questions anything you could provide, substantiated or not, would be helpful. The questions come up, and I simply have no answers.)

3) What is the membership of the various human rights groups operating in Argentina, and how do they manage to avoid extreme-right retribution squads?

I've a million more questions, but they can wait until I come down - when, I don't know.

All the best.

Sincerely,

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